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TAGS: PLOS, IV
SUBJECT: STRATEGY FOR LOS CONSULTATIONS: IVORY
COAST

REF: STATE 298001

1. KEY DECISION-MAKER ON LOS ISSUES FOR IVORY COAST IS
MINISTER OF MARINE AFFAIRS LAMINE FADIGA. FADIGA IS
YOUNG TECHNOCRAT, CAREER NAVY OFFICER BY BACKGROUND,
WHO IS CHARGED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF GOIC'S AMBITIOUS
MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MARITIME EXPANSION PROGRAM. FADIGA
ATTENDS PORTIONS OF LOS SESSIONS HIMSELF AND KEEPS IN
TELEPHONE TOUCH WITH DELEGATION AT OTHER TIMES,
ALTHOUGH ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS GOIC AMB SIMEON AKE HAS
FAIRLY WIDE DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY. LETTERS AND
APPROACHES SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON FADIGA ALTHOUGH, AS
A COURTESY, PARALLEL COMMUNICATIONS OF A HIGH-LEVEL
NATURE COMING FROM WASHINGTON SHOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE
DIRECTED TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS USHER. MFA IS
REPRESENTED ON GOIC LAW OF SEA DELEGATION BUT HAS NOT
RPT NOT PLAYED SIGNIFICANT ROLE. ON VERY IMPORTANT
QUESTIONS INVOLVING BROAD POLICY IMPLICATIONS USHER
COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE A VOICE BUT IN SUCH INSTANCES
THE FINAL DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN PERSONALLY BY GOIC
PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. APPROACHES TO HOUPHOUET
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DIRECTLY SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR RARE OCCASIONS ON

ISSUES OF HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO USG.

2. OTHER SECTORS WITHIN GOIC SUCH AS MINISTRIES OF MINES, ANIMAL PRODUCTION (FISHERIES) AND PETROLEUM CORPORATION (PETROCI) HAVE A VOICE IN LOS MATTERS BUT THEIR IMPACT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE MAJOR IN COMPARISON WITH ROLE PLAYED BY MINISTER OF MARINE AFFAIRS FADIGA.

3. IN PREVIOUS LOS DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, FADIGA HAS DEMONSTRATED FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. AND PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO LOS ISSUES. AT SAME TIME FADIGA RECENTLY REITERATED PUBLICLY (SEE ABIDJAN A-112) IVORY COAST'S CONSISTENT POSITION OF MAINTAINING AFRICAN SOLIDARITY ON LOS ISSUES. IVORY COAST THEREFORE UNLIKELY TO GET OUT FRONT ON ANY PARTICULAR LOS ISSUE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT AFRICAN SUPPORT.

3. ON BILATERAL SIDE, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, FADIGA IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN PLACING IVORY COAST MARINERS IN TRAINING IN U.S. INSTITUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH GOIC PLANS TO EXPAND ITS PORT AND FLEET CAPABILITIES AS WELL AS TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL MARINE TRAINING ACADEMY IN IVORY COAST. FADIGA RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS IN U.S. (AS WELL AS IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTRIES) TO THIS END. U.S. RESPONSIVENESS TO SUCH REQUESTS COULD BE HELPFUL IN LOS CONTEXT. IN THIS CONNECTION, AMBASSADOR WILL TAKE OCCASION OF FORTHCOMING CALL ON FADIGA TO INFORM HIM THAT U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY NOW OPEN TO APPLICATIONS FROM LIMITED NUMBER OF FOREIGN NATIONALS (STATE 293616). STEARNS

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